

Senate Resolution 215

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Patrol Officer Anthony Christie and dedicating an interchange in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Patrol Officer Anthony Christie on May 25,
5 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
7 with the United States Navy for 13 years and was recognized with the Navy Achievement
8 Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and Global
9 War on Terror Medal; and

10 WHEREAS, following his dedicated service to the United States military, Patrol Officer
11 Christie joined the Savannah Police Department in December, 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, during his years with the Savannah Police Department he earned the Teamwork
13 Award for assisting with the search and rescue of a missing child who was abandoned in a
14 wooded area by a robbery suspect; and

15 WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie was highly regarded by the citizens of his community
16 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
17 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

18 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty when his patrol car was struck
19 by a tractor trailer on Interstate 16 while he was assisting with traffic control at the scene of
20 an accident collision investigation; and

21 WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
22 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
24 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 16 and State Route 307 in
27 Chatham County is dedicated as the SPD Patrol Officer Anthony Christie Memorial
28 Interchange.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the SPD Patrol Officer Anthony
31 Christie Memorial Interchange.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Patrol
34 Officer Anthony Christie and to the Department of Transportation.